

**Rowley Regis
Urban District Council,
STAFFORDSHIRE.**

Annual Report

FOR YEAR 1905,

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

INCLUDING A

**Report on the Administration of the
Factory and Workshop Act (1901),
in this District.**

**A Report on the Administration of the
Vaccination Act in this District.**

**Schedules of Work done in the
Departments of the
Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.**

CRADLEY HEATH :

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ROWLEY REGIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
STAFFORDSHIRE.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1905.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As this Report has to be presented to several Authorities who are unfamiliar with the Sanitary history of this district a certain amount of repetition will be necessary. It will contain the usual statistics of Births Deaths, Birth-rates, Rates of Mortality, from general and special causes, cases of Infectious Diseases notified, an epitome of Sanitary work for the last year, and a new table issued by the Local Government Board (No. V.) a record of Infant Mortality.

It will also contain a report of the statistics of the population estimated to the middle of each year, Births registered, Deaths at all ages,* and Deaths under one year for the whole of the district and for each Ward separately for the ten years ending December 31st, 1905, also an estimated population to the middle of 1905.

The estimated population is obtained in the following manner:—by deducting the deaths which occurred between July 1st, 1904, and June 30th, 1905, (527) from the Births for the same period (1303), and again deducting two hundred and seventy-seven as wastage for migration and other uncertified causes. As mentioned in my previous reports, the discrepancy on the estimated population obtained solely on the difference between the deaths and births registered each year for the ten years ending December 31st, 1900, was found by comparison with the census of 1901, to be about two hundred per annum in excess of the actual population. This year I have deducted two hundred and seventy seven as I think the trade depression during the last two years will justify my calculation.

There will be a report on the administration of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901, in this district, also a report on the working of the Vaccination Act in this district.

The tables with the exception of No. V. Local Government Board, will be the same as in previous years, viz. :—three sets. The first series I. to V. are condensed statements of my own arranging, and deals with deaths within and (when known) of deaths of residents outside the District. No. II. in addition to the deaths, shows the number of births registered, whilst Nos IV. and V. deal exclusively with deaths from Zymotic diseases.

The second series I.—V. are those demanded by the Local Government Board. The third series are those demanded by the Staffordshire County Council ; the first four of these correspond exactly with those issued by the Local Government Board and consequently are not reproduced. The fifth of these series refers to work done in the Sanitary Inspector's department, and will be found annexed to this report.

TABLE I.

Showing the BIRTHS, DEATHS, and rate of Mortality in the Year 1905.

| Births. | Deaths. | Birth-rate. | Annual Death Rate per 1,000 from | | | | Percentage of total deaths to deaths. |
|---------|---------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | All Causes. | Principal Zymotic Causes. | Lungs. | Heart. | |
| 1227 | 540 | 33·25 | 14·63 | ·27 | ·65 | ·49 | 14·75 |

Deaths in District 510.

Deaths of Residents outside District 30 }

51.

Showing the BIRTHS and DEATHS, from all causes and from certain special causes in each Quarter of 1905.

| Quarters ending. | Births. | Deaths from all causes. | DEATHS FROM | | | |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | The notified Zymotic Diseases. | Phthisis. | Diseases of Lungs. | Heart Diseases. |
| March 31st | ... | 332 | 134 plus 6 | 1 | 8 | 3 plus 1 |
| June 30th | .. | 334 | 112 , , 7 | 4 | 4 plus 1 | 3 plus 1 |
| September 30th | ... | 296 | 128 , , 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 , , 1 |
| December 31st | ... | 265 | 136 , , 13 | 2 | 12 | 2 |
| Total — | ... | 1227 | 510 , , 30 | 10 | 27 | 8 |
| | | | | 22 , , 2 | 101 plus 2 | 16 plus 2 |

TABLE III.

Showring the Rate of Mortality in the District in each Quarter of 1905.

| Quarters ending. | Death Rate per 1000 per annum from all causes | Percentage per Annun of total deaths to deaths. | |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| | | Of Infants under one year of age. | Of persons over sixty five years of age. |
| March 31st ... | 3·79 | 9·09 | 7·59 |
| June 30th ... | 3·23 | 7·59 | 4·09 |
| September 30th ... | 3·57 | 8·88 | 4·09 |
| December 31st — | 4·04 | 7·96 | 8·33 |
| Total | 14·63 | 33·52 | 24·1 |
| | | | 1·85 |

TABLE IV.

Showring the number of DEATHS at two Groups of Ages from the Notified Zymotic Diseases in each Quarter of 1905.

| Quarters ending. | Notified Principal Zymotic Diseases. | Small Pox. | | Scarlet Fever. | | Diphtheria and Meningeous Group. | | Puerperal Fever. | | Typhoid Fever. | | Cholera. | | Erysipelas. | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 |
| March 31st ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| June 30th .. | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| September 30th | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| December 31st | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ... | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TABLE V.

*Supplementary Table showing the DEATHS at two Groups of Ages from other
Zymotic Diseases not included in Table IV.*

| Quarters ending. | Measles. | | Whooping Cough. | | Diarrhoea. | | Influenza. | |
|--------------------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 | Under 5 | Over 5 |
| March 31st ... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| June 30th ... | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| September 30th ... | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| December 31st ... | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ... | 17 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Table I.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS,
Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1905 and
previous Years.

| Year. | Population estimated to Middle of each Year. | Births. | | Total deaths Registered in the District. | | | | Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District. | Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District. | Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District. | | |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|-------|--|--------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|-------|-------|
| | | | | Under 1 Year of Age. | | At all Ages. | | | | Number. | Rate* | |
| | | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1895 | 33300 | 1252 | 37·6 | 243 | 194·08 | 622 | 18·7 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 633 | 19· |
| 1896 | 33800 | 1216 | 36· | 222 | 182·5 | 622 | 18·4 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 636 | 18·8 |
| 1897 | 34500 | 1304 | 37·8 | 237 | 181·7 | 598 | 17·3 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 609 | 17·6 |
| 1898 | 35200 | 1336 | 37·9 | 227 | 169·9 | 650 | 18·46 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 668 | 18·9 |
| 1899 | 36000 | 1374 | 38·17 | 243 | 176·8 | 596 | 16·55 | 27 | 0 | 22 | 618 | 17·1 |
| 1900 | 36760 | 1402 | 38·1 | 252 | 179·7 | 653 | 17·76 | 19 | 0 | 15 | 668 | 18·17 |
| 1901 | 34835 | 1313 | 37·69 | 230 | 175·1 | 602 | 17·28 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 618 | 17·7 |
| 1902 | 35400 | 1307 | 36·92 | 168 | 128·54 | 493 | 13·9 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 516 | 14·5 |
| 1903 | 36000 | 1323 | 36·75 | 194 | 146·64 | 547 | 15·19 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 562 | 15·6 |
| 1904 | 36400 | 1317 | 35·9 | 215 | 163·2 | 598 | 16·43 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 631 | 17·33 |
| Averages for years 1895 to 1904. | 35219·5 | 1314·4 | 37·3 | 223·1 | 169·6 | 598·1 | 16·98 | 10·1 | 0 | 17·8 | 615·9 | 17·48 |
| 1905 | 36900 | 1227 | 33·25 | 178 | 147·5 | 510 | 13·8 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 540 | 14·63 |

* Rates in Columns 4, 8 and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE. — The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this Table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public Institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water)—3670.

Total population at all ages—36900

Number of inhabited houses—7349

Average number of persons per house—5·01

} At Census of 1901.

Table II.

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1905 and previous Years.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

| Names of Local- ties. | Year. | TIVIDALE. | | | ROWLEY REGIS. | | | BLACK HEATH. | | | OLD HILL. | | | CRADLEY HEATH. | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----|
| | | Deaths under 1 year. | Deaths at all ages. | Births registered. | Deaths under 1 year. | Deaths at all ages. | Births registered. | Deaths under 1 year. | Deaths at all ages. | Births registered. | Deaths under 1 year. | Deaths at all ages. | Births registered. | Deaths under 1 year. | Deaths at all ages. | Births registered. | | | | |
| 1895 | 2788 | ^a 113 | ^b 55 | ^c 29 | ^d 5373 | ^e 176 | ^f 24 | ^g 6458 | ^h 286 | ⁱ 134 | ^j 57 | ^k 9911 | ^l 425 | ^m 208 | ⁿ 75 | ^o 8770 | ^p 252 | ^q 150 | ^r 58 | |
| 1896 | 2819 | 104 | 103 | 27 | 5446 | 165 | 55 | 6583 | 276 | 155 | 62 | 10067 | 402 | 171 | 65 | 8885 | 269 | 138 | 33 | |
| 1897 | 2863 | 103 | 54 | 21 | 5548 | 166 | 95 | 6758 | 332 | 157 | 60 | 10286 | 419 | 188 | 65 | 9045 | 284 | 134 | 53 | |
| 1898 | 2907 | 99 | 63 | 21 | 5650 | 186 | 90 | 6933 | 313 | 150 | 54 | 10595 | 475 | 209 | 76 | 9205 | 263 | 138 | 42 | |
| 1899 | 2957 | 112 | 56 | 25 | 5766 | 162 | 79 | 7133 | 343 | 115 | 54 | 10755 | 448 | 205 | 83 | 9389 | 309 | 141 | 54 | |
| 1900 | 3005 | 101 | 55 | 21 | 5842 | 176 | 113 | 7350 | 346 | 123 | 52 | 11013 | 504 | 233 | 83 | 9550 | 276 | 144 | 48 | |
| 1901 | 2809 | 101 | 42 | 11 | 5342 | 216 | 103 | 6596 | 254 | 145 | 61 | 10801 | 436 | 201 | 64 | 9237 | 306 | 127 | 49 | |
| 1902 | 2850 | 88 | 32 | 8 | 5426 | 182 | 66 | 6730 | 294 | 113 | 45 | 11063 | 474 | 173 | 59 | 9331 | 269 | 132 | 39 | |
| 1903 | 2896 | 91 | 39 | 11 | 5518 | 212 | 82 | 6845 | 283 | 103 | 39 | 11247 | 420 | 196 | 66 | 9494 | 317 | 142 | 49 | |
| 1904 | 2932 | 109 | 43 | 17 | 5590 | 175 | 82 | 6935 | 280 | 138 | 55 | 11359 | 405 | 195 | 76 | 9584 | 348 | 140 | 38 | |
| Aver- ages of years 1895 to 1904. | | 102 | 54 | 20 | 5550 | 182 | 84 | 31 | 6832 | 300 | 130 | 54 | 10706 | 441 | 198 | 71 | 9249 | 289 | 130 | 46 |
| 1905 | 2973 | 94 | 52 | 20 | 5667 | 182 | 90 | 29 | 7032 | 236 | 97 | 38 | 11512 | 411 | 156 | 56 | 9716 | 304 | 145 | 38 |

Table III.
Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1905.
URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

| Notifiable Disease. | Cases Notified in whole district. | | | | | Total cases notified in each Locality from each Locality. | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|---|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | At Ages—Years. | | | | | No. of cases removed to Hospital | | | | | |
| At all Ages. | Under 1 | 1 to 5 | 5 to 15 | 15 to 25 | 25 to 65 | 65 and upwards | Cradley Heath. | Old Hill. | Black Heath. | Rowley Regis. | Tividale. |
| Small Pox | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cholera | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Diphtheria | 11 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Membranous Croup | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Erysipelas | 32 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Scarlet Fever | 133 | 1 | 52 | 66 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 21 | 32 |
| Typhus Fever | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enteric Fever | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Relapsing Fever | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Continued Fever | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Puerperal Fever | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Plague | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 184 | 1 | 59 | 72 | 16 | 27 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 28 | 51 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 87 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |

Isolation Hospital, Tividale, for Small Pox only.

Table IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1905.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS,

| Causes of Death. | Deaths at the subjoined Ages of "Residents" whether occurring in or beyond the District. | | | | | | | | Deaths at all Ages of "Residents" belonging to Localities, whether occurring in or beyond the District. | | | | | Total Deaths in Public In- stitutions in the District. | | | | | |
|--|--|----------|----|----|------------------|-----|------------------|----|--|----|-----|-----|----------|---|-----------------|----------|-------------------|--|--|
| | I | All Ages | 2 | 3 | Under 1 year. | 4 | 5 and under 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Tividale | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill | Cradley Heath. | | |
| Small-pox | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measles | 17 | 7 | 10 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 5 | | 3 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 4 | | | |
| Whooping Cough | 14 | 8 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Diphtheria and Mem- branous Croup | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | |
| Fever { Typhus | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fever { Enteric | 3 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | |
| Other continued | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Epidemic Influenza | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Cholera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plague | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diarrhoea | 27 | 22 | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 | | | | |
| Enteritis | 7 | 5 | | | | | | 2 | | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| Puerperal Fever | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Erysipelas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other septic diseases | 3 | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| Phthisis | 24 | | 2 | | | 6 | 15 | 1 | 3 | | | 3 | | 3 | 7 | 11 | | | |
| Other tubercular diseases | 18 | 7 | 6 | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | | | | |
| Cancer, malignant disease | 26 | | | | | | 21 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 8 | | | | |
| Bronchitis | 58 | 18 | 2 | | | 13 | 25 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 18 | | | | 15 | | | | |
| Pneumonia | 45 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 17 | 5 | | | | 11 | | | | |
| Pleurisy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other diseases of Respiratory Organs | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | |
| Alcoholism { | | | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 1 | | | 4 | | | |
| Cirrhosis of Liver { | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Venereal diseases ... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Premature Birth ... | 24 | 24 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 7 | | | |
| Diseases and accidents of parturition ... | 5 | | | | | 1 | 4 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Heart diseases | 18 | 1 | | 1 | | 10 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | 5 | 3 | | | | |
| Accidents | 17 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | 7 | 3 | | | | |
| Suicides | 3 | | | | | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| All other causes | 211 | 70 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 36 | 81 | 30 | 29 | 38 | 71 | | | | 43 | | | | |
| All causes | 540 | 181 | 71 | 14 | 20 | 124 | 130 | 52 | 90 | 97 | 156 | 145 | | | | | | | |

TABLE V.
WLEY REGIS URBAN DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1905.
 Deaths from stated causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

District (or sub-division) of Rowley Regis (Urban).

Births in the year } legitimate 1191 Population estimated to middle of 1905, 36,900.
 } illegitimate 36

Deaths from all causes at all ages 540.

NOTE.

Staffordshire County Council.

FORMS I.—IV.

CORRESPOND TO TABLES I—IV.

OF THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD

AND CONSEQUENTLY ARE NOT REPRODUCED.

SANITARY URBAN DISTRICT OF ROWLEY REGIS.

| Name of Wards. | Area in Acres. | Inhabited Houses in each Ward. | Void Houses in each Ward. | No. of New Houses built during 1905. | Total number of houses in each Ward. | Population. | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | | Census 1901. | Esti- mated to middle of 1905. |
| Tividale | 984 | 603 | 47 | 18 | 650 | 2796 | 2973 |
| Rowley Regis | 1347 | 1069 | 36 | 14 | 1105 | 5317 | 5667 |
| Blackheath | 188 | 1365 | 39 | 7 | 1404 | 6565 | 7032 |
| Old Hill | 599 | 2328 | 38 | 31 | 2366 | 10799 | 11512 |
| Cradley Heath | 552 | 1984 | 31 | 16 | 2015 | 9193 | 9716 |
| Total ... | 3670 | 7349 | 191 | 86 | 7540 | 34670 | 36900 |

Average number of persons per house :—

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|------|
| Tividale Ward | ... | 4·9 |
| Rowley Regis Ward | ... | 5·3 |
| Blackheath Ward | ... | 5·1 |
| Old Hill Ward | ... | 4·9 |
| Cradley Heath Ward | ... | 4·81 |

Average for whole District 5·01

Physical features and general character of the district :—

District very undulating.

Altitudes in the Parish.

Tividale. 498 feet above sea level, at Liverpool, as per Ordnance Survey, 1881.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Cox's Rough | 866 | " | " | " | " |
| Oakham | 769 | " | " | " | " |
| Darby's Hill | 880 | " | " | " | " |
| Turner's Hill | 893 | " | " | " | " |
| Rowley | 722 | " | " | " | " |
| Blackheath | 607 | " | " | " | " |
| Old Hill | 387 | " | " | " | " |
| Cradley Heath | 346 | " | " | " | " |

Altitudes near Dudley outside this Parish.

| | | |
|---------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Dudley Castle | 763 | feet above sea level at Liverpool. |
| Sedgley | 780 | " " |
| Wren's Nest | 790 | " " |

Tividale. Loose loam. Sub-soil. Clay and Roche
City. Waterlogged.

Rowley Regis. Practically dry to within a depth of eight to ten feet.

| | |
|---|--|
| { | Blackheath. Practically dry to within a depth of eight to ten feet. |
| | Tump Road. Roche |
| | High Street. Sand. |
| { | Old Hill. Clay and Blue Roche. |
| | Windmill End and Church Street. Waterlogged. |
| { | Cradley Heath. Clay and Blue Roche. |
| | Graingers Lane, Foxoak Street, and Cokeland Place. Waterlogged in places |

PROXIMITY TO WATER

Tividale The Birmingham Canal runs parallel with Tividale and is within a varying distance of 100 to 200 yards.

Rowley Regis. The Birmingham Canal at Windmill End to Powke Lane.

Blackheath Canal Basin and Reservoir at Whiteheath within 300 yards. Birmingham Canal on lower side dividing it from Old Hill.

Old Hill. Mouse Sweet Brook and Birmingham Canal

Cradley Heath River Stour on lower division and Mouse Sweet Brook.

BIRTHS.

One thousand two hundred and twenty-seven births have been registered in the year 1905, viz. :—Six hundred and fifty-two Males and five hundred and seventy-five Females.

They were located as follows :—

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------|-----|---------|
| Tividale | 51 | Males. | 43 | Females |
| Rowley Regis | 99 | " | 83 | " |
| Blackheath | 120 | " | 116 | " |
| Old Hill | 215 | , | 196 | " |
| Cradley Heath | 167 | " | 137 | , |
| | 652 | plus | 575 | — 1227. |

Total for whole district 1227. Annual Birth-rate 33·25

MORTALITY RETURNS.

Five hundred and forty deaths have been recorded, viz. :— Five hundred and ten in the district, and thirty of residents who have died outside the district These outside deaths occurred as follows :— Nineteen at the Dudley Workhouse, eight at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, one at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham, one at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and one at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

In the First Quarter one hundred and forty deaths were registered viz. :—

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Under one year of age | ... | 49 |
| All other ages | ... | 91 |

In the Second Quarter one hundred and nineteen deaths were registered viz. :—

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Under one year of age | ... | 41 |
| All other ages | ... | 78 |

In the Third Quarter one hundred and thirty-two deaths were registered viz. :—

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----|
| Under one year of age | ... | 48 |
| All other ages | ... | 84 |

In the Fourth Quarter one hundred and forty-nine deaths were registered viz. :—

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Under one year of age | ... | 43 |
| All other ages | ... | 106 |

Making a total of ... 540

ANALYSIS OF DEATH-RATE.

| Deaths registered | Groups of Ages. | Annual death-rate per 1000 of inhabitants |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 181 | Under 1 year | 4·9 |
| 71 | Between 1 and 5 years | 1·92 |
| 14 | „ 5 and 15 years | ·38 |
| 19 | „ 15 and 25 years | ·51 |
| 125 | „ 25 and 65 years | 3·39 |
| 130 | Over 65 years | 3·52 |
| — | | — |
| 540 | | 14·62 |
| — | | — |

Schedule of deaths under one year of age, and between one and five years, certified as due to the following causes :—

| Disease | Under 1 year | Between 1 and 5 years. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Measles | 7 | 10 |
| Scarlet Fever | 0 | 3 |
| Whooping Cough | 8 | 6 |
| Diphtheria and Membranous Croup... | 0 | 1 |
| Epidemic Influenza | 1 | 0 |
| Diarrhoea | 22 | 4 |
| Enteritis | 5 | 0 |
| Tubercular Disease | 7 | 6 |
| Phthisis | 0 | 2 |
| Diseases of Respiratory Organs | 0 | 2 |
| Bronchitis | 18 | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 15 | 14 |
| Premature Birth | 24 | 0 |
| Heart Disease | 1 | 0 |
| Accidents | 3 | 5 |
| Enteric Fever | 0 | 1 |
| Septic Diseases | 0 | 1 |
| Other causes | 70 | 14 |
| — | — | — |
| | 181 | 71 |
| — | — | — |

There is a decided decrease of deaths from Notified Zymotic Causes as compared with those for last year, viz. ten as against 21.

Also in Un-notified Zymotic Diseases, viz., sixty-one as against seventy-nine.

The following table shows the number of deaths under two groups of ages and the number of Zymotic Cases notified in each quarter.

| Deaths from Notified Causes | | Deaths from Un-notified Infectious Diseases | | | | | | Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified. | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | Measles. | | | Whooping Cough | | | Influenza. | | | Diarrhoea. | | |
| First Quarter | Second ,, | Total Deaths. | Under 5 years. | Over 5 years. | Total Deaths. | Under 5 years. | Over 5 years. | Total Deaths. | Under 5 years. | Over 5 years. | Total Deaths. | Under 5 years. | Over 5 years. |
| | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 9 | 18 |
| Third ,, | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 12 | 26 |
| Fourth ,, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 49 | 17 |
| Total ... | 101 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 61 | 19 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 70 | 22 | 48 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 1 | 124 |

This table shows an annual death-rate of 27 per 1000 of inhabitants from Notified Infectious Diseases. It also shows an annual death-rate of 165 per 1000 of inhabitants from Un-notified Infectious Cases. Also that 498 per 1000 of inhabitants were notified as suffering from some form of Infectious Disease.

Comparison of Death-rate from Zymotic Diseases.

In 1900 there were .62 per 1000 deaths from Notified Diseases.

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|------|----|----|----|
| ,, 1901 | ,, | .602 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1902 | ,, | .649 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1903 | ,, | .75 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1904 | ,, | .57 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1905 | ,, | .27 | ,, | ,, | ,, |

In 1900 there were 2.01 per 1000 deaths from Un-notified Diseases

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|------|----|----|----|
| ,, 1901 | ,, | 2.44 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1902 | ,, | 87 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1903 | ,, | 1.88 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1904 | ,, | 2.11 | ,, | ,, | ,, |
| ,, 1905 | ,, | 1.65 | ,, | ,, | ,, |

Rate per 1000 of inhabitants notified as suffering from Infectious Diseases.

In 1900 there were 4.65 per 1000.

| | | | |
|---------|----|------|----|
| ,, 1901 | ,, | 7.14 | ,, |
| ,, 1902 | ,, | 8.05 | ,, |
| ,, 1903 | ,, | 9.36 | ,, |
| ,, 1904 | ,, | 8.1 | ,, |
| ,, 1905 | ,, | 4.98 | ,, |

Table of deaths from Zymotic Causes from years 1895 to 1905.

| Cause of Death. | 1896 | 1897 | 1898 | 1899 | 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Small Pox | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Scarlet Fever .. | 14 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 5 |
| Measles | 50 | o | 45 | 3 | 47 | 4 | 21 | 43 | 27 | 17 |
| Diphtheria and M'branous Croup | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Whooping Cough | 27 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 55 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 14 |
| Continued Fever | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Enteric Fever ... | 6 | 4 | 38 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Diarrhoea | 12 | 35 | 32 | 22 | 15 | 25 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 27 |
| Erysipelas | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | o |
| Influenza | 8 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Cholera | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o |
| Puerperal Fever... | o | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | o |
| | 127 | 79 | 151 | 61 | 97 | 106 | 54 | 95 | 100 | 71 |

For a tabulated statement of deaths from Infectious Diseases see Tables IV. and V. first series. For a Quarterly Death-rate per 1000 of Inhabitants see Table III first series.

The following Tables show the distribution of sickness and deaths throughout the district from Zymotic Diseases in two groups of ages in specified areas, taking each Ward as an area and giving the population of each Ward according to the approximate estimated population to the middle of 1905.

RIVIDALE WARD.
Estimated Population to
middle of 1905.
2973.

| | Small Pox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup | Erysipelas | Enteric Fever | Puerperal Fever | |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | | | | |

First Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | I | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

STREET LIST.

Grades Road
Dingle Street
Grades Row
Grades Village
Allop Street
Albion Street
Roway Lane
Sudley Road
Upper Chapel Street
Britannia Street
Lower Chapel Street
Ipton Road
Roveland Road
Roveland
Brown Bob Colliery
Lange Colliery
Marker's Lane
California (back of
Oakham Colliery)
City
Eye Cross
Darby's Hill
Oakham (Mr. Jones' side,
part of)

Second Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Third Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | I | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Fourth Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | I | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

| ROWLEY REGIS WARD | | Small Pox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup | Erysipelas | Enteric Fever | Puerperal Fever |
|--|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Estimated Population to middle of 1905. 5667 | | | | | | | |

First Quarter.

STREET LIST.

Oakham (from boundary
by Mr. Jones' to Wheat
Sheaf, South Side)
Turner's Hill
Birmingham Road (from
Endowed School to
Mr. Harper's)

Rowley Village
Siviter's Lane

Ross

Shepherd's Fold
Yew Tree Lane
Powke Lane (from
Southall's to Canal)

Moore Lane
Bell End
Church Road
Hawes Lane
Dudley Road
Springfield Lane
Doulton Road (above
Canal)

Bullfield
Tippetty Green
Perry's Lake
Gadd's Green

Hailstone Hill
Portway Road
Throne

Whiteheath Gate (Chapel
Side)

Mincing Lane (above
Road)

Duke Street
Cunall Road

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | 3 | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | 3 | I |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Second Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | 1 | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | 3 | I |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Third Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | 3 | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |

Fourth Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |

LACK HEATH WARD
Estimated Population to
middle of 1905.
7032

| | Small Pox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup | Erysipelas | Enteric Fever | Puerperal Fever | |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | | | | |

First Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 5 | | 3 | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Second Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | I | | I | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Third Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 4 | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | |

Fourth Quarter.

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 5 | | | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 6 | 1 | 3 | | |

OLD HILL WARD.
Estimated Population to
middle of 1905.
11512

STREET LIST.

Powke Lane (part below canal)
Windmill End
Doulton Road (part below canal)
Halesowen Road, Haden Hill
Hayseech, Barrs Road
Waterfall Lane (below canal)
Granville Road Beauty Bank
Cherry Orchard
Wright's Lane
Lion Road, Wagon Street
King Street, Elbow Street
Garaatt's Lane
Best Street, Cross Street
Queen Street, Bank Street
Wellington Street, Dudley Street
Spring Meadow
Trinity Street, Mace St.
Siddaway Street, Church Street
Court Street, New Street
Riddins St. Holloway St.
(last part of Riddins St.)
Peartree St. Peartrœ Lane
(Pack Horse side)
Lawrence Lane (except part in Cradley Heath)
Claremont Street
Reddall Hill Rd. (from No. 1 to Lawrence Lane one side and from Reddall Hill Schools back to Cross)
Haden Road, Clyde St.
Penn Street
Clifton St., Jackson St.
Dalloway St., Priest St.
Hill Passage, Brook St.

| | Small Pox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup | Erysipelas | Enteric Fever | Puerperal Fever |
|--|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
|--|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|

First Quarter.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 3 | 2 | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | |

Second Quarter.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|---|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 3 | 1 | 3 | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | |

Third Quarter.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 2 | 1 | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 4 | | 1 | 1 |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | |

Fourth Quarter.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|----|---|---|---|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 6 | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | 1 | | 1 |

| CRADLEY HEATH WARD. Estimated Population to middle of 1905. 9716 | | Small Pox | Scarlet Fever | Diphtheria and Membr'ous Croup | Erysipelas | Enteric Fever | Puerperal Fever | |
|--|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
|--|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--|

STREET LIST.

Peartree Lane (part of
 Pack Horse)
 Petford St., Pearson St.
 Lawrence Lane (from Pear-
 tree Lane to Reddall
 Hill, T. Parkes & Sons'
 side)
 Plant Street, Park Street,
 Oak Street
 Reddall Hill Road (part
 not included in Old Hill
 Ward)
 Newtown St., Hingley St.
 pinner's End
 Holly Bush Street
 Ieredith St., Albert St.
 t. Luke St., School St.
 Lomey Town, Silverthorn
 Lane
 orge Lane, Wood's Lane
 Whitehall Lane
 ompton Road
 cholding Green Road
 radley Road
 rainger's Lane, Stour
 Colliery
 eehive Street, Cokeland
 Place
 tation Rd., Chester Road
 orngreaves Road
 urfeit Hill, Queen Street
 ing St. Tibbets Gardens
 ligh St., Foxoak St.
 ank St., Newtown Lane
 annister Street (top of
 Newtown Lane)
 rovidence Street
 idney Street

First Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | I | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | 2 | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | I | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |

Second Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|----|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 7 | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 10 | 1 | 1 | I | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | I | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | I | I | | I | | |

Third Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|----|---|---|---|--|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 12 | I | | I | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 16 | | I | I | | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | I | I | | I | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |

Fourth Quarter.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------|--|----|--|---|--|---|--|
| Sickness | Under 5 yrs. | | 11 | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | 16 | | 3 | | 1 | |
| Deaths | Under 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |
| | Over 5 yrs. | | | | | | | |

SMALL POX.

The District has been free from this disease during the past twelve months.

SCARLET FEVER.

One hundred and thirty-three cases have been notified, and five deaths have occurred as against two hundred and eleven cases notified, and twelve deaths for last year.

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 = 13 |
| 2nd „ | ○ | 4 | 1 | 5 | 17 = 27 |
| 3rd „ | ○ | ○ | 4 | 6 | 28 = 38 |
| 4th „ | ○ | ○ | 11 | 17 | 27 = 55 |
| | — | — | — | — | — |
| | ○ | 7 | 21 | 32 | 73 = 133 |

MORTALITY.

One death occurred in the First Quarter at Cradley Heath.

| | | | | |
|------------|---|--------|---|----------|
| Two deaths | „ | Second | „ | „ |
| One death | „ | Third | „ | , |
| One „ | „ | Fourth | „ | Old Hill |

MEASLES.

Seventeen deaths have been recorded against twenty-seven for last year.

The deaths were distributed throughout the Wards in the following order.

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ = ○ |
| 2nd „ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 | 5 = 6 |
| 3rd „ | ○ | 4 | ○ | 5 | 1 = 1 |
| 4th „ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 | ○ = 1 |
| | — | — | — | — | — |
| | ○ | 4 | ○ | 7 | 6 = 17 |

There was a rather severe recrudescence of this disease in the months of May and June amongst children attending the Cradley Heath, Corngreaves, and Reddal Hill Schools. On June 2nd one hundred and eighteen children were absent from Cradley Heath Schools, and on June 9th one hundred and four were absent.

The Whitsuntide Holidays then commenced and on the school re-opening a fortnight later the Measles had diminished to thirty-nine.

The Council issued hand-bills throughout the Parish, warning persons against exposing the children whilst suffering from any infectious disease, more particularly against sending children to school from infected houses.

The Care-takers of the various schools were admonished to carry out thoroughly the instructions previously given as to the use of the disinfectants. From this date the disease gradually subsided.

DIPHTHERIA AND MEMBRANOUS CROUP.

Eleven cases notified and two deaths as against twenty-five cases notified and three deaths for the previous year.

The cases were distributed throughout the Wards in the following order :—

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. | |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | ○ | ○ | 2 | ○ - | 2 |
| 2nd " | ○ | ○ | ○ | 2 | 1 - | 3 |
| 3rd " | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 | 1 - | 2 |
| 4th " | 1 | ○ | 1 | 2 | ○ - | 4 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 1 | ○ | 1 | 7 | 2 - | 11 |

Both deaths occurred at Cradley Heath. One in the Second Quarter and one in the Third Quarter.

These were all sporadic cases and no reliable history of infection could be obtained in any of them. Some of the possible local causes were : Damp and dirty houses. Midden closets near house. One case was imported and one case occurred within a few days after confinement.

ENTERIC FEVER.

Seven cases notified and three deaths as against seven cases notified and two deaths for previous year. These cases have all been treated at their homes.

Distribution of cases throughout the District.

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. | |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|---|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | I | ○ | ○ | ○ | I |
| 2nd ,," | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | I | I |
| 3rd ,," | ○ | ○ | ○ | I | 2 | 3 |
| 4th ,," | ○ | ○ | ○ | 2 | ○ | 2 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | ○ | I | ○ | 3 | 3 | 7 |

These are all sporadic cases in which no history of infection can be obtained. The premises and surroundings in each case were in a satisfactory condition, are all properly drained and supplied with tap water. The deaths occurred—one at Cradley Heath in the Second Quarter. One at Cradley Heath in the Third Quarter and one at Old Hill in the Fourth Quarter.

PUERPERAL FEVER.

One case notified, no deaths as against five cases notified and two deaths for previous year. This case was notified on December 30th. It occurred in a new house at Cradley Heath where all the sanitary surroundings were in satisfactory condition, and the patient was attended by a Medical Man. The patient died in the early part of this year, consequently the death does not appear in this report.

ERYSIPELAS.

Thirty-two cases notified, no deaths, as against forty four cases notified and one death for previous year.

Distribution of cases throughout the Wards

| | Tividale | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. | |
|-------------|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|----|
| 1st Quarter | I | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | II |
| 2nd ,," | ○ | I | I | 4 | I | 7 |
| 3rd ,," | I | 3 | ○ | I | I | 6 |
| 4th ,," | ○ | ○ | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 2 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 32 |

The cases were all disconnected.

WHOOPING COUGH.

Fourteen deaths as against twenty-six for previous year.

The School Returns showed a few absentees from School during January and February in the Rowley Ward. A few at Cradley Heath in May. A few cases at Cradley Heath and Old Hill from July to the end of the year. A few cases were reported weekly from the Black Heath Schools from September to the end of the year. The greatest numbers reported from Cradley Heath and Old Hill occurred during the month of September.

Distribution of Deaths throughout the Wards.

| | Tividale | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. |
|-------------|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ = 1 |
| 2nd ,, | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ = 0 |
| 3rd ,, | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 2 = 2 |
| 4th ,, | ○ | ○ | ○ | 7 | 4 = 11 |
| | — | — | — | — | — |
| | ○ | 1 | ○ | 7 | 6 = 14 |

DIARRHŒA.

Twenty-seven deaths as against twenty-five for the previous year.

Twenty-two of these deaths were under one year of age. Four between one and five and one over sixty-five years.

Distribution of Deaths throughout the Wards.

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill | Cradley Heath. |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| 1st Quarter | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | 1 = 1 |
| 2nd ,, | ○ | 1 | ○ | ○ | ○ = 1 |
| 3rd ,, | ○ | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 = 19 |
| 4th ,, | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | ○ = 6 |
| | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 1 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 5 = 27 |

The greatest mortality as usual occurred in the third quarter.

The practice of feeding infants on artificial food is I am afraid on the increase. Many young mothers who work at Factories or at other places away from home, adopt this system in part if not thoroughly. Infant mortality from this disease has been on the increase for the last two years. In 1903 fifteen deaths. In 1904 twenty-five deaths, and this year twenty-seven deaths.

PHTHISIS.

Twenty-four deaths as against eighteen for the previous year.

Twenty-two of these occurred in the Parish and two occurred to parishioners who died in institutions outside the district.

Distribution of deaths throughout the Wards.

| | Tividale. | Rowley Regis. | Black Heath. | Old Hill. | Cradley Heath. | |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|------|
| 1st Quarter | 3 | ○ | 1 | 3 | 1 | = 8 |
| 2nd ,, | ○ | ○ | 1 | 1 | 3 | - 5 |
| 3rd ,, | ○ | ○ | 1 | 1 | 5 | - 7 |
| 4th ,, | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | - 4 |
| | 3 | ○ | 3 | 7 | 11 | = 24 |

Very little opposition is now offered to the disinfection of the houses and clothing of those who died from this disease. The people are now beginning to see the advantage of the proceeding.

EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

Three deaths as against one for last year. They all occurred in the first quarter of the year. Two of them at Rowley and one at Black Heath. The disease was very prevalent during the first two months of the year in the above mentioned Wards, and many of the cases were complicated with Pneumonia or Bronchitis.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES ADOPTED.

The only change in the proceedings mentioned in my previous Report is that the Isolation of Small Pox cases is now undertaken by the South Staffordshire Joint Small Pox Hospital Board at their new Hospital at Bradley. All other cases of infectious diseases are treated at the patient's homes. They are all visited as soon as possible after notification, and are supplied with disinfectants and a circular giving instructions how they are to be used, and warning them against exposing themselves in public until after their houses and clothing have been fumigated by the Council's Official. Preventing children from infected houses attending school. Cleansing and limewashing all dirt and infected houses. Fumigated all infected houses and clothing with sulphur fumes. Cleansing drains and water-courses. Converting defective midden-closets into water-closets. Insisting on a pure supply of water where the present supply is insufficient or doubtful. Compulsory disinfection at the Steam Disinfect.

of all clothing, bedding, etc., of Small Pox, Enteric Fever, and Puerperal Fever cases, and those of Phthisis and of any other infective disease at the discretion of the Medical Officer, free of charge. Also the bedding, clothing, etc., of any parishioner from any cause who is willing to pay a fee of ten shillings for so doing.

The free supply to Medical Practitioners for their use amongst the poor of the District, of Antistreptococcus and Antidiphtheretic Serums with the necessary syringes. Bacteriological Examination free of charge at the Birmingham University, of secretions from supposed cases of Diphtheria, Phthisis and Enteric Fever. Compulsory notification of the following diseases - Small Pox, Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever, Diphtheria, Membranous Croup Puerperal Fever, Erysipelas, Cholera, and Typhus Fever.

Very valuable information, otherwise unobtainable, is furnished by the weekly returns from the Elementary Schools, of children absent from school on account of some infectious disease. This information is especially valuable in the unnotified diseases. I again thank the Education Committee for their kind co-operation in the Sanitary work of the district.

Epitome of Sanitary Work for the year 1905.

DEEP DRAINAGE AND HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

This Scheme was completed in the year 1901, and has proved satisfactory up to the present. According to the returns forwarded up to the end of 1904, six thousand, six hundred and eighty-five houses have been connected with the Sewers. During the past year eighty-six new houses have been connected. Making a total of six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-one.

Thirteen undrained houses have been demolished during the past year.

CELLAR DRAINAGE

Nine connections have been made, viz., two cellars and seven pantries, in accordance with the instructions insisted on by the County Medical Officer of Health, viz.—The outlet from the cellar to be carried through the wall and empty itself into a gully placed outside the building from which an air-shaft must be built to the ground level, and covered by a cast iron trap.

Two cellars and one pantry have also been connected with storm-water drains. The manner of connecting in these cases is the same as in the sewer connections, except that there is no chamber provided but a six inch pipe shaft is substituted.

NIGHT SOIL AND HOUSE REFUSE

This work, as in previous years, is still performed by contract, and is supervised by the Sanitary Inspector and his assistants. The night-soil is removed between the hours of ten p.m. and eight a.m., and the dry ashes during the day.

The provision of water-closets is compulsory in all new houses, when water supply and drainage facilities are available. The old privies and privy-middens are being steadily replaced by water-closets whenever opportunity arises.

The Sanitary Inspector reports as follows :—

| Wards. | Number of Water Closets. | Number of Ashpits not connected with Closets (dry). | Number of Ash-bins | Number of Privy Closets. | Number of Ashpits connected with Privy Closets. |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Tividale ... | 259 | 132 | 12 | 227 | 174 |
| Rowley Regis | 314 | 138 | 3 | 583 | 439 |
| Black Heath ... | 457 | 267 | 14 | 573 | 447 |
| Old Hill .. | 733 | 434 | 15 | 1216 | 928 |
| Cradley Heath | 819 | 408 | 21 | 858 | 623 |
| Total ... | 2582 | 1379 | 65 | 3457 | 2611 |

During the year seventy-six privies have been converted into Water Closets, and ninety-nine Water Closets have been put to new houses.

The Bin system is being gradually adopted and where adopted proves most satisfactory. I trust It will shortly become general, as the present system of keeping dry ashes and other house refuse in large quantities for a lengthy period, cannot be devoid of risk.

WATER SUPPLY.

The chief supply is derived from the South Staffordshire Water Works Company.

Eight wells have been closed on account of impurity of the water, which supplied ten old houses. These houses and one hundred and five new ones are now supplied with the South Staffordshire Water Works Company's Water.

The Turner's Hill district is now supplied by water-cart from the South Staffordshire Water Works Company's Main, twice weekly free of expense.

The Folly Spring in Parker's Lane Tividale, has been protected from pollution and made capable of storing two hundred gallons, whereby the people in the neighbourhood can now obtain a plentiful and pure supply of water. This is a great advantage to the locality and greatly diminishes the inconvenience previously experienced.

COW-SHEDS, DAIRIES AND MILK-SHOPS.

All plans for any of the above-named buildings are passed subject to the new bye-laws.

There are forty-two Cow-sheds, Dairies and Milk-shops in the district, which are kept in a satisfactory condition. No new ones have been erected during the year. One hundred and twenty-seven Inspections of Cow-sheds, Dairies and Milk-shops have been made. No legal proceedings have been resorted to.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

There are thirty Slaughter-houses in the district of which twenty-eight are now in use. No new ones have been erected during the year. They are kept in a satisfactory condition. The excessive storage of manure in two instances has necessitated action being taken by the Council.

UNSANITARY HOUSES.

Thirteen houses have been demolished owing to defective Sanitary Conditions, and two have been closed. No action has been enforced by the Council.

OVERCROWDING.

This condition is still prevalent, but has slightly improved during the last year. The building operations during the last two years have put the housing accommodation on a better footing.

CEMETERY.

This question is still under consideration.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Legal proceedings were taken in one instance only, viz.—The owner and occupier of No. 80, Lawrence Lane, to enforce the abatement of a nuisance arising from a privy closet and contaminated water supply. The house has been closed.

NEW STREETS.

The Council still continue to have all land as newly-laid-out building estates put in proper order and adopted in accordance with the Public Health Act.

BACTERIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF DIPHTHERIA,

ENTERIC FEVER AND TUBERCULOSIS.

The arrangements made by the Staffordshire County Council with the Birmingham University for the free examination of secretions from patients supposed to be suffering from either of the above named diseases is still in force. The necessary apparatus for the transmission of these secretions to the University, and the free supply of the necessary serums with syringes are available to all the Medical Practitioners in the neighbourhood.

PREVENTION OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

This matter is still dormant. No new scheme having been promulgated during the past year.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

The Hospital at Tividale which up to last December was rented by the South Staffordshire Joint Small Pox Hospital Board has again reverted to the Council, and after being cleansed, disinfected and repaired, will be retained as an emergency hospital should occasion arise for its use.

All Small Pox cases will in future be sent to the South Staffordshire Joint Small Pox Board's Hospital at Bradley.

Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT (1901).

As mentioned in my previous reports Rowley Regis is a large scattered Parish extending over an area of 3670 acres, and contains an estimated population (up to the middle of 1905) of 36,900. It is divided into Five Wards, viz., Tividale, Rowley Regis, Black Heath, Old Hill and Cradley Heath.

Tividale Ward has an area of nine hundred and eighty-four acres, and a population of 2973 inhabitants, and is partly agricultural and partly industrial. The chief industries are Coal-mining, Brick-making different varieties of iron manufacture, Galvanizing and Granite-quarrying.

Rowley Regis has an area of one thousand and forty-three acres, and a population of 4667 inhabitants, and is also partly agricultural and partly industrial. The chief industries are Coal-mining, Granite-quarrying Brick-making, Pottery-work, Nut and Bolt, Rivet and Nail Trade.

Black Heath has an area of one hundred and eighty-eight acres, and a population of 7032 inhabitants, and is almost entirely industrial. The chief industries are Nut and Bolt, Spade and Shovel, Rivets and Nails, Tailoring, Baking, and Boot and Shoe-making.

Old Hill has an area of five hundred and ninety-nine acres, and a population of 11512 inhabitants, and is chiefly industrial. The chief industries are Iron-making, Coal-mining, Brick-making, Boot and Shoe-making, Rivet-making Chain-making, Tube-making, Tailoring and Coke-burning.

Cradley Heath has an area of four hundred and fifty-two acres, and a population of 9716 inhabitants, and is chiefly industrial. The chief industries are Chain-making, Rivet-making and Galvanizing Brick-making, various forms of finished iron industries, Coke-burning, Boot-making, Tailoring, and Hollow-ware Trade.

The bulk of the inhabitants of the district are of the Artisan class, and are employed at some one or other of the above-named industries. The Act still continues to work smoothly, and legal proceedings have not been called for. Lime-washing of the premises is done periodically every six months. The practice of keeping animals in the work-shops is an exceptional occurrence.

The Sanitary conditions in Factories and Work-shops are satisfactory. Section 22 of P. H. A. A. 1890 is in force in the district, and whenever any contravention is discovered owners are immediately served with a Notice.

The cubical space in the work-shops is ample, and ventilation, especially in the Chain, Nail and Rivet Shops is free as all the windows are unglazed.

The water supply is plentiful and good.

There have been three thousand and ninety-nine inspections made of Factories, Work-shops, Work-places and Home-workers Premises by the Council's Inspector and two written notices have been served during the year.

No prosecutions have been necessary.

There are on the Register at the present time :—

7 Factories.

739 Work-shops.

1175 Home-workers Premises.

1178 Work Places. Making a total of 3099.

Twenty-one out of the one hundred and seventy-nine Bake-houses are for wholesale trade. There are no under-ground bake-houses.

Eighteen notices have been served.

Fourteen to remove animals from Workshops.

Three to provide sufficient Water-closet accommodation.

One to provide separate Water-closet accommodation for the sexes.

LISTS OF OUT-WORKERS.

The Manufacturers do not, as a rule supply the lists of Out-workers as required by Act of Parliament. Sufficient notice has been given them so that in future there will be no excuse for their negligence.

Lists have been received from only twenty-four employers representing six hundred and thirty out-workers.

The Notices issued by the Rowley Regis Urban District Council respecting the illegality of keeping poultry and other animals in work-shops is still issued.

My services have only been requisitioned in eighteen instances, and no legal proceedings have been necessary during the past year.

The appended schedule was filled in by Mr. Barnsley (the Council's Inspector) and signed by myself.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1905, for the Urban District of Rowley Regis, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces and Homework.

II.—INSPECTION (Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances).

| Premises. | Number of Inspections. | Written Notices | Prosecutions. |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Factories (including Factory Laundries) ... | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ... | 739 | 0 | 0 |
| Workplaces ... | 1178 | 1 | 0 |
| Homeworkers' Premises ... | 1175 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ... | 3099 | 2 | 0 |

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

| Particulars. | Number of Defects. | | |
|--|--|----------|----------------------------|
| | Found. | Remedied | Referred to H.M. Inspector |
| <i>Nuisance under the Public Health Act :</i> | | | |
| Want of cleanliness | ... | ... | ○ |
| Want of ventilation | ... | ... | ○ |
| Overcrowding | ... | ... | ○ |
| Want of drainage of floors | ... | ... | ○ |
| Other nuisances | ... | ... | ○ |
| †Sanitary accommodation | { Insufficient. Unsuitable or defective Not separate for sexes | ... | ○ |
| | | ... | ○ |
| | | ... | ○ |
| <i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act :</i> | | | |
| Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 171) | ... | ... | ○ |
| Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100) | ... | ... | ○ |
| Failure as regards lists of outworkers (s. 107) | ... | ... | ○ |
| Giving out work to be done in premises { unwholesome (s. 108) infected (s. 110) | ... | ... | ○ |
| Allowing wearing apparel to be made in premises infected by Scarlet Fever or Small Pox (s. 109) | ... | ... | ○ |
| Other offences | ... | ... | ○ |
| Total | ... | 1459 | ○ |
| | | | 0 |

† One Water Closet for every 20 persons.

Separate accommodation for the sexes.

3—OTHER MATTERS.

| Class | Number. | |
|--|---|-----|
| Matters notified to H.M. Inspectors of Factories : | | |
| Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133) | ... | I |
| Action taken in matters referred by H.M. { Notified by H.M. Inspectors Inspectors as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory Act (s 5) | 4 | 3 |
| Other | ... | ○ |
| Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) : | ... | ○ |
| Certificates granted during the year | ... | ○ |
| In use at the end of the year | ... | ○ |
| Homework : | | |
| <i>Lists of Outworkers</i> (s. 107) : | ... | ... |
| Lists received | ... | ... |
| Addresses of outworkers | forwarded to other Authorities received from other Authorities | 59 |
| | 630 | 59 |

Homework in unwholesome or infected premises :—

| | Wearing Apparel | Other. |
|---|-----------------|--------|
| Notices prohibiting homework in unwholesome premises (s. 108) | ... | ○ |
| Cases of infectious disease notified in homew ^e orkers' premises | ... | ○ |
| Orders prohibiting homework in infected premises (s. 110) | ... | ○ |
| Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year | ... | |
| | | 4 |
| Bakehouses | ... | |
| Domestic Workshops | ... | |
| Workshops | ... | |
| | | 179 |
| | | 148 |
| | | 525 |
| | | 852 |
| Total number of workshops on Register | ... | |

Important classes of work-shops, such as work-shops, bakehouses, may be enumerated here.

(not including 118 Workplaces).

FEBRUARY 28TH, 1906.

J. G. BEASLEY, Medical Officer of Health.

The difference between the number of Workshops for 1904 and 1905 is accounted for by the fact that many were notified in 1904 as workshops, which have been found since to be workplaces and are notified as such.

Vaccination Returns.

For the Year ending December 31st, 1905.

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| Total number of Births | ... | 1227 |
| No. 1 District | By Public Vaccinator | 274 |
| | By Private Practitioner | 90 |
| | | — 363 |
| No. 2 District | By Public Vaccinator | 181 |
| | By Private Practitioner | 378 |
| | | — 559 |
| Insusceptible of Vaccination | ... | 6 |
| Had Small Pox | ... | 0 |
| Number of Certificates of Conscientious Objections | | 2 |
| Dead (Unvaccinated) | ... | 104 |
| Postponed by Medical Certificate | ... | 27 |
| Removed to Districts—the Vaccination Officers of which have been apprised | ... | 2 |
| Removed to places unknown and cases not found | | 16 |
| † Not Vaccinated | ... | 148 |
| | | — 305 - 1227 |

† Several of these cases are not of age, and are therefore not liable to vaccination at present.

The one pock system of vaccination still largely prevails, especially in the Old Hill and Cradley Heath Wards. In other respects the returns are satisfactory. Conscientious objections are rare (five having applied for exemption in the last three years), whilst the number of children vaccinated by request of parents before the age of four months is attained is still increasing.

In concluding this report, I again heartily thank all those Officers of the Council, Parish and various Institutions who have assisted me by furnishing the necessary information in their respective departments.

I append schedule of work done in the Surveyor's and Sanitary Inspector's Departments. I again add an extract from the memorandum issued by the Local Government Board as to the Annual

Report of Medical Officers of Health which explains the reason for the amount of recapitulation contained in this Report "It should be remembered that these reports are for the information of the Local Government Board and of the County Council as well as of the Council of the District, and that a statement of the local circumstances and a history of the local Sanitary questions which may seem superfluous for latter, may often be needed by the former bodies."

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. G. BEASLEY,

Medical Officer of Health to the
Rowley Regis Urban District Council

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

TABLE V.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK done in the Nuisance Inspector's Department during the year 1905, in the Urban District of Rowley Regis.

| | | Inspections and Observations made. | Formal Notices by Authority. | Nuisances Abated after Notice. |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Dwelling houses and Schools. | Foul Conditions | 131 | 86 | 65 |
| | Structural Defects | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Overcrowding | 27 | 24 | 18 |
| | Unfit for Habitation | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | Lodging-houses | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Dairies and Milkshops ... | 127 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cowsheds | 127 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bakehouses | 179 | 0 | 0 |
| | Slaughter-houses | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| | Canal Boats | 107 | 5 | 2 |
| House Drainage | Ashpits and Privies | 20642 | 82 | 24 |
| | The introduction of Sanitary Dust Bins has resulted in 65 being provided & which are emptied weekly | | | |
| | Deposits of Refuse and Manure ... | 32 | 5 | 5 |
| | Water Closets | 1467 | 37 | 26 |
| | Defective Traps | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | No Disconnection | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Other Faults | 546 | 43 | 39 |
| | Water Supply | 12 | 2 | 0 |
| | Pigsties | 45 | 12 | 12 |
| | Animals improperly kept ... | 12 | 7 | 6 |
| Offensive Trades | | | | |
| Smoke Nuisances | | | | |
| Other Nuisances | | | | |
| | | | 23553 | 199 |
| Nos. | | | | |
| Seizures of Unwholesome Food | | | | |
| Samples of Food taken for Analysis ... | | | | |
| ,, ,, found adulterated . | | | | |
| Samples of Water taken for Analysis ... | | | | |
| ,, ,, condemned as unfit for use ... | | | | |

Precautions against Infectious Disease.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Lots of Infected Bedding Disinfected or Destroyed | 327 |
| Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease ... | 171 |
| Schools ditto ditto ... | 0 |
| Prosecutions for not notifying Existance of Infectious Disease | 0 |
| Convictions ditto ditto | 0 |
| Prosecutions for Exposure of Infected Persons or things | 0 |
| Convictions ditto ditto ... | 0 |

NOTE.—When an Inspection or Notice embraces more than one defect, it may be enumerated separately as regard each such defect.

Signed, **ELIJAH T. BARNESLEY,**

February 21st, 1906

Inspector of Nuisances.

Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

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INSPECTOR OF CANAL BOATS ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1905.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION &c.

Frequent visits are made by myself and the Assistant Inspector to the banks of the Canal which runs through this Council's district, for the purpose of examining Canal Boats plying thereon.

My address is :—Council Offices, Old Hill, Staffordshire

NUMBER OF BOATS INSPECTED.

There have been 107 Boats inspected during the year.

The condition of the Boats and their Occupant was on the whole found satisfactory, the fact that it has only been necessary to serve five peremptory notices will also bear this out.

The Occupiers of the Boats consisted of 170 men, 66 women, 20 boys and 13 girls between 5 and 12 years of age, and 23 boys and 8 girls under 5 years of age.

CONTRAVENTIONS.

There has been five notices served upon the Owners of Canal Boats with respect to the following contraventions which were discovered. In one case the boat was without a certificate and uninhabitable, in one case the boat had no certificate and no water vessel, in two cases the certificates did not identify the owners and the boats, and in one case the boat required painting and was without a water vessel.

Two of the above notices have been satisfactorily dealt with, but in the other three cases although repeated applications have been made the Owners cannot be found, but I am still endeavouring to get them cleared up.

The Masters of the Boats inspected have not refused admittance, and have been very willing to allow us to examine in every detail all the conditions which the Canal Boats Acts require.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

No legal proceedings have been instituted.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

All the Boats were free from any Infectious Disease.

The Hospital situated in the Tividale Ward of this Council's District which until recently was used for the isolation of Small Pox patients is still available as an Isolation Hospital, but in the event of a patient suffering from Small Pox being found on any boat, the same is now to be removed to the Hospital at Bradley, belonging to the Joint Small Pox Hospital Board, which is a distance of about four miles from the Tividale Hospital.

DETENTION OF BOATS FOR CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION.

It has not been necessary to detain any boat for the above purposes.

This is not a Registration Authority

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

ELIJAH T. BARNSLEY,

Inspector

January 11th, 1906.

FIRE BRIGADE.

During the year there have been 13 fires, to which members of Brigade we called, and readily responded. Seven of the above number would undoubtedly have proved very serious had not the timely help of the Council's Fire Brigade been available. Especially upon two occasions where the fires were so large that the Owners summoned the Steam Fire Engines of neighbouring authorities, but which upon arrival did not do any work ; the successful efforts of our own men having proved sufficient to get the fires under control and eventually extinguish them

Each Section of the Brigade is now fairly well manned and equipped. Each man I am pleased to say has now his full uniform, viz. :—Helmet, Tunic, Trouser, Boots, Axe and Belt, and Life-line.

Each Section still continues to work amicably with each neighbouring Section, and although the drills have not taken place so frequently as at the formation of the Brigade, there is manifested at every quarterly drill the same spirit of good feeling towards each other as at the first.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the Brigade (including myself) of thanking the Members of the Council for the kindness they have manifested towards us, in providing us with those appliances which we first of all proved to them were necessary.

I must here acknowledge the ever-ready help and good counsel which has always been given by the Chairman of the Fire Committee (C Woodhouse Esq.) when sought for.

The Insurance Companies have been very honourable in paying the claims made upon them for attendance at fires. We have not had a single case during the year in which there has been any dispute as to charges made or a refusal to pay the amount claimed.

Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

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PIPES LAID DURING THE YEAR 1905.

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| | | | |
|--|---|----|-----------------------------------|
| 42 yards of 12 inch pipes at St. Luke's Churchyard, Cradley Heath | | | |
| 7 | " | 12 | " Wrights Lane. |
| 3 | " | 15 | " Wrights Lane. |
| 4 | " | 6 | " Tividale Council's Schools. |
| 3 | " | 6 | " Siviters Lane. |
| 70 | " | 9 | " Siviters Lane. |
| 71 | " | 6 | " Siviters Lane Council's School. |
| 10 | " | 9 | " Powke Lane. |
| 10 | " | 6 | " Waterfall Lane. |
| 2 | " | 9 | " Waterfall Lane. |
| 75 | " | 9 | " Highfield Road. |
| 22 | " | 6 | " High Street, Cradley Heath. |
| 2 | " | 2 | " Tividale Hospital. |
| 3 | " | 4 | " Tividale Hospital. |
| 28 | " | 12 | " Portway. |
| 61 | " | 12 | " Portway. |
| 33 | " | 12 | " Portway. |
| 11 | " | 6 | " Birmingham Road, Rowley Regis. |
| 9 | " | 6 | " Station Road, Old Hill. |
| 51 | " | 9 | " Powke Lane. |
| 20 | " | 6 | " Cradley Heath. |
| 12 | " | 6 | " Reddal Hill Road. |
| 7 | " | 12 | " Church Street, Old Hill. |
| 3 | " | 9 | " Dudley Road, Tividale |
| 192 | " | 15 | " Waterfall Lane, Blackheath. |

751 yards.

KERBING AND CHANNELLING LAID DURING
THE YEAR 1905.

February.

25 yards in Reddal Hill Road, Old Hill.

April.

40 yards in Hayes Road, Blackheath.

July.

20 yards at Birmingham Road, Blackheath.

October.

¹ 54 yards in Halesowen Road, Old Hill.

November.

10 yards in Halesowen Road, Old Hill.

249 yards.

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The following houses have been supplied with South Staffordshire Water Works Company's Water during the year 1905

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|----|---------|
| January | ... | 3 | Houses. |
| February | ... | 2 | I |
| March | ... | I | , |
| April | ... | I | , |
| May | ... | 7 | , |
| June | ... | 13 | , |
| July | ... | I | , |
| August | ... | 17 | , |
| September | ... | 22 | , |
| October | ... | 13 | , |
| November | ... | I | , |
| December | ... | 5 | , |

Rowley Regis Urban District Council.

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DITCHES CLEANED DURING THE YEAR 1905.

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January.

| | | |
|-----|----------|------------------|
| 472 | yards at | Oakham Road. |
| 36 | „ | Birmingham Road. |
| 121 | „ | Gipsy Lane. |

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February.

| | | |
|----|----------|--------------|
| 32 | yards at | Beauty Bank. |
| | | |

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April.

| | | |
|-----|----------|---------------|
| 32 | yards at | Beauty Bank. |
| 54 | „ | Portway Road. |
| 30 | „ | Yewtree Lane. |
| 110 | „ | Perry's Lake. |
| 85 | „ | Rowley Road. |
| 32 | „ | Beauty Bank. |

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May.

| | | |
|-----|----------|--------------|
| 32 | yards at | Beauty Bank. |
| 521 | „ | Oakham Road. |
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June.

| | | |
|-----|----------|-------------|
| 34 | yards at | Beauty Bank |
| 762 | „ | Throne Road |

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July.

| | | |
|-----|----------|--------------------------|
| 103 | yards at | Chapel Street, Tividale. |
|-----|----------|--------------------------|

August.

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 62 | yards at Church Road, | Rowley Regis. |
| 34 | " | Beauty Bank. |
| 41 | " | Yewtree Lane. |
| 1281 | " | Oakham Road. |
| 320 | " | Oldbury Road. |

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September.

| | | |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------|
| 202 | yards at Oldbury Road. | |
| 189 | " | Rowley (in field). |
| 850 | " | Gipsy Lane. |
| 302 | " | Mincing Lane |

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October.

| | | |
|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| 251 | yards at Hayseech. | |
| 132 | " | Oldbury Road. |

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December.

| | | |
|----|------------------------|--|
| 91 | yards at Perry's Lake. | |
|----|------------------------|--|

6211 yards

WILLIAM H. BRETELL,

Surveyor.

January, 1906.

